

**Consent Form for project called:** The power of design on flexible learning and digital network literacy

I have read the information sheet concerning this project and understand what it is about. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I am free to request further information at any stage. I know that:

- My participation in the project is entirely voluntary;
- I am free to withdraw at any time without giving reasons and without any disadvantage;
- Participation in any part of the research is optional, and I can take part in the survey and focus group and choose not to allow an investigation of my assessments;
- The data (including audio tapes) will be *destroyed* at the conclusion of the project but any raw data on which the results of the project depend will be destroyed on completion of the project and only results will be retained in secure storage for two years after which they will be *destroyed*. If it is to be kept longer than two years my permission will be sought;
- The results of the project will be published in a project report and may be published in a journal article and/or used at a presentation in an academic conference, but my anonymity / confidentiality will be preserved.

**Additional conditions**

- I will also be given the opportunity to check the transcription of the focus group session, but this is optional. I know I can withdraw any information I provide to the researchers up until they have started to analyse the transcriptions of the focus group sessions.
- I give permission separately for any material submitted for assessment in the course to be examined by all or some of the researchers – Leigh Blackall, Terry Marler and Bronwyn Hegarty.
- I will confirm separately whether specific parts of my assessments can be quoted anonymously or not in the research findings – the actual quotes will be checked with me prior to publication.

I agree to take part in this project under the conditions set out in the Information Sheet.

..... (signature of participant)

..... (date)

..... (signature of researcher)

This project has been reviewed and approved by the Otago Polytechnic Ethics Committee.

**Please turn over to sign for additional permissions.**

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I am happy to confirm whether parts of my assessments can be quoted anonymously or not in the research findings – the actual quotes will be checked with me prior to publication.

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..... (date)

Please return consent form to Bronwyn Hegarty, Educational Development Centre, H100, Otago Polytechnic, Forth St, Dunedin.

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